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Orientalists Stand as to the Sunnites and the Group people Exposition & Criticism in the Light of The Sunnites and the Group Ideology

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Abstract

Title: Orientalists Stand as to the Sunnites and the Group: Exposition & Criticism in the Light of The Sunnites and the Group Ideology

Study Date: Wednesday 15/02/1432H- Faculty of Religion Principle in Imam Mohammed bin Saud Islamic University, Department of Ideology & Modern Creeds . the discussion committee included Prof. Moh. Bin Abdul Al Rahman Al Khamis as a reporter, Prof. Abdul Al Aziz bin Ibrahim Al Askar as members and associate Prof.. Mohammed bin Abdul Al Wahab Al Ageel as a member.

Study Objectives:

This study aims at defending Islam and Muslims due to the widespread of some orientalists books that are loaded with misleading ideas and ideological deviations that pretend to reflect Islam core and fruit which is a perversion of Islam image, so this study has come as to disclose some of what these books and writings content of misconceptions and false accusations in some of their books and scientific papers in field of ideology and its good predecessors and their followers, where these orientalists studies affected some of the intellectuals and educated people of the Islamic nation books and researches, so they adopted the method of some orientalists and distorted the Sunnites and the group image whereas polished the corrupt personalities in Islamic history. In addition to that a strand of thinkers and politicians emerged to call for secularism i.e. separation of life or state from religion.

Therefore the necessity arose as to provide a critical study to highlight the scanty and the valuable and to purify the ideology of the Sunnites and the group from what distort i.e. deviations and false allegations.

Study method:

I adopted the inductive critical, analytical descriptive method where I dealt as far as possible with what is written in Arabic of current oriental studies , not only depending on the old oriental books.

Study design:

The study design was as follows:

Introduction, preface, six chapters and conclusion.

Chapter one: orientalists method in studying Sunnite and group ideology which included three principles.

Chapter two: orientalists' concept of Sunnites and Group, consisting of two sections.

Chapter three: orientalists' stand as to sources of information about Sunnites and the Group, contains four sections.

Chapter four: orientalists' stand concerning principles of belief viewed by Sunnites and the Group, includes seven sections.

Chapter five: some orientalists' stand concerning some of imams Sunnites and the Group, contains six sections.

Chapter six: impacts of oriental studies related to Sunnites and the Group , consists of two sections.

Conclusion: including most important findings of the study.

Findings Summary:

1- Orientalism started encouraging the church and clergies because the Christian clergies were afraid that their position will be at the touchstone when Islam proliferates, so they fought Islam by distortion to prevent Christian from joining Islam, so they began to doubt Islam sources, ideologies, worships and transactions.

2- Many of the oriental studies were a report about religious, social, political and cultural conditions in Muslims countries that reflect the details of Muslims reality in order to serve colonialism and colonialists .

3- Some orientalists methods are dominated by attributing Islam to Jewish and Christian roots by questioning Holy Quran, prophet traditions based on unreliable , weak and unique stories and sources

guided by prejudice in making judgments, not adopting scientific impartiality but using selective method in their writings about much of events and issues.

4- Some Westernization advocates adopted only the holy Quran in Islamic legislation, because they see that the Quran alone contains all details of explaining everything that the Umma (nation) will need, they called themselves (Quranians) i.e. followers of Quran. This propagation emerged and its followers became very strong , their testimonies are multiple , they worked hard to doubt the prophet tradition and its holders of his companions and the followers.
5- In their writings, some orientalists focused on the Companions, followers and polite Imams and the fundamentalist propagation thinkers, so they accused them of dirty betrayal by selecting weak stories from historical books, narratives and literature, abandoning correct stories intentionally and for ignorance depending on method of rationalism, skepticism, materialism and socio-evolutionism and others that can not be applicable to valid predecessors thinkers.
6- Some orientalist depended on past oriental studies to document their studies despite the availability of modern oriental studies and this made the late researchers to repeat mistakes of early orientalists.